

BRUMMELL AND HICKMAN.

The San Francisco Post compares Beau Hickman of Washington memory to Beau Brummell.

There can be no comparison between the two men.

Not quite a century ago, Brummell filled a peculiar sphere in England. From comparatively obscure parentage he became, by reason of his wit and originality a welcome guest in the best society of London.

He was never obliged to play the toady to win his way, and royalty sought him out because of his brilliancy.

Hickman, on the contrary, was a dead beat, pure and simple, and "struck" everybody he met in Washington for small sums, on which he lived.

When Brummell became a professional society man in London he had about £30,000 to begin operations with, and he did his work to the Queen's taste.

It had always been customary for the Prince of Wales to set the fashions, but Brummell dressed with so much better taste than the Prince that the latter, to use a modern expression, was "not in it."

The Prince—afterwards George IV—was his fast friend until Brummell out-played him in a love affair, when Mrs. Fitzgerald, a famous beauty, was the stakes, so to speak.

The Prince finally got weary of running about with a man more sought after than himself, and one day when he asked Brummell to ring for wine the beau replied:

"Your Royal Highness is close to the bell."

The Prince was considerably put out at this cool familiarity, and watched for an opportunity to snub his former friend. He met Brummell a few days later arm-in-arm with Lord Alvanley, and greeting Alvanley effusively he took no notice of Brummell.

But Brummell was quite equal to the occasion, and as the Prince stepped away the beau turned to Alvanley and remarked:

"Say, who's your fat friend?" a piece of repartee that has become historical.

Hickman was never the "high roller" that Brummell was. Ward McAllister, of New York, tries to ape him as far as he can.

Brummell, when he went through his fortune fled to France where he begged in the streets for food and finally died in a lunatic asylum, a helpless imbecile.

Had Brummell turned his quick brain to something better than mere society leadership he might have made a broader mark in the world and died in the full possession of his better faculties.

Some parties in San Francisco are suing members of the California Legislature for a percentage of the boodle earned by them and appropriated by the members last winter. But the constables who are seeking witnesses with warrants cannot find them in the regular saloons where they play poker between sessions. The State wants the witnesses and can't get them. But let a wealthy California corporation want some witnesses and it reaches clear to China for them—and it gets them too.

Senator Stewart is meeting all comers who desire to cross swords with him on the free coinage question, and he is giving his single standard combatants some pretty keen thrusts. The New York Evening Telegram is publishing the discussions, and thereby many of the Eastern people are getting posted on the question. Stewart is a worker, and he is doing more good in getting the silver question before the people than all the other silver men. The publication of the controversies is giving those who, knowing little about the question are indifferent, a chance to become enlightened upon it.

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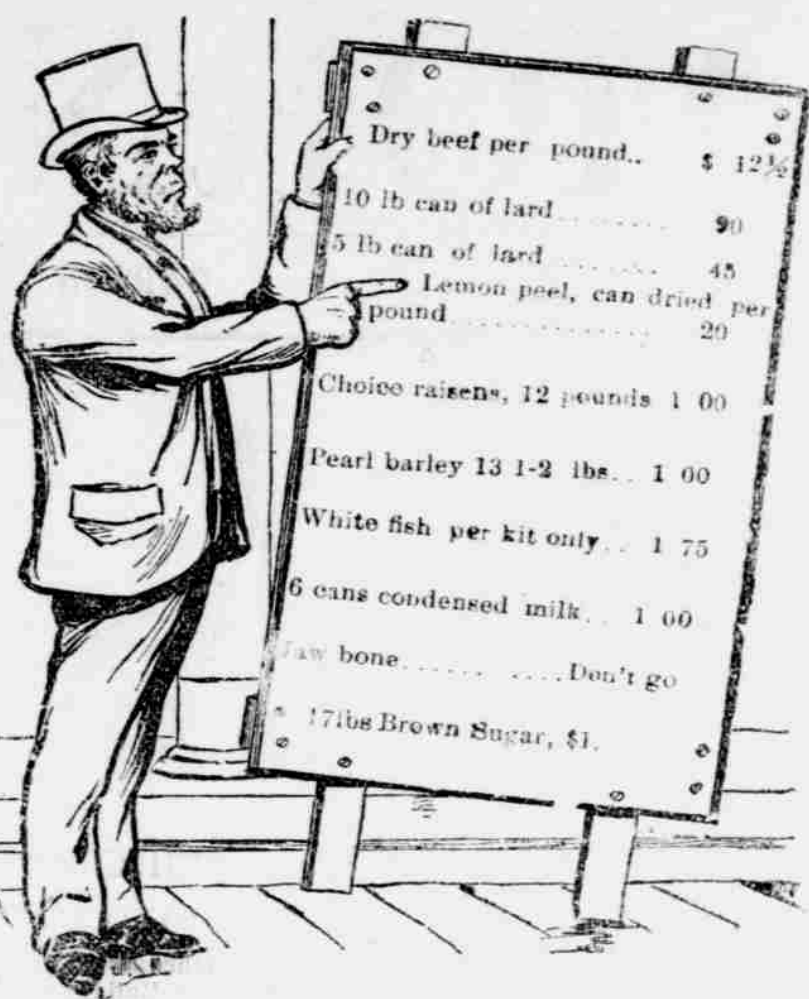
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